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SUBJECT: POLICE ISSUES FORMAL WARRANT AGAINST REV. KIM KWAN-SOK

REF: SEOUL 2391

1. ACCORDING TO BOTH NCCC-K AND NEWS SOURCES REV.
KIM KWAN-SOK AND REV. KWAN HO-KYUNG WERE FORMALLY
ARRESTED EVENING APRIL 9 ON CHARGE OF EMBEZZLEMENT
AND USING CHURCH FUNDS FOR POLITICAL ACTIVITIES,
I.E. TO HELP FAMILIES OF PRP PRISONERS AND OTHERS
IMPRISONED UNDER EMERGENCY MEASURES. REV. KWAN IS
ALSO CHARGED WITH VIOLENCE FOR HAVING ENGAGED IN
FISTFIGHT WITH REV. CHON CHIN-YANG WHO IS WIDELY
SUSPECTED AS KCIA INFORMER. INCIDENT TOOK PLACE AFTER KWAN'S
RELEASE FROM PRISON TOGETHER WITH OTHER EMERGENCY MEASURES
PRISONERS.

2. REV. YI YONG-MIN OF NCCC-K TOLD EMBOFF THAT
35 MEMBER NCCC-K EXECUTIVE MET THIS MORNING TO DISCUSS
SUPPORT FOR THOSE ARRESTED. WHILE NCCC-K WILL CONTINUE
TO DENOUNCE ROKG ACTION AS INTERFERENCE IN CHURCH
AFFAIRS, COUNCIL SO BADLY DIVIDED ON IMPLICATION OF
CASE THAT IT WILL ISSUE ONLY LUKEWARM SUPPORT
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DECLARATION FOR REV. KIM KWAN-SOK. GENERAL FEELING

IS THAT ALTHOUGH REV. KIM IS HONEST MAN, HE DID BREAK LAW BY SUPPORTING CAUSES EXTRANEOUS TO THOSE FOR WHICH GERMAN FUNDS WERE ORIGINALLY GIVEN. HOWEVER, PASTORS CHO SYUNG-HYOK, PARK HYONG KYU AND KWAN HO-KYUNG WHO HAVE REFUSED TO PROVIDE DETAILED ACCOUNTING OF THEIR EXPENDITURES REPORTEDLY IN ORDER TO PROTECT RECIPIENTS ARE SUSPECTED BY NCCC-K MEMBERS NOT ONLY FOR THEIR POLITICAL ACTIVITY BUT ALSO THEIR FINANCIAL HONESTY. THUS CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS WHO HAD LONG RESENTED USE OF CHURCHES FOR POLITICAL ENDS AND WHO NOW FRIGHTENED MEN BLOCKED NCCC-K ENDORSEMENT OF THESE MEN. IT NOW APPEARS THAT UNDER ONSLAUGHT OF ROKG THREATS, PROTESTANT UNITED FRONT SERIOUSLY BUCKLING.

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